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Action for Home Command. A copy with Circular will be sent to C.S.I., D.Ms & C.R for information.

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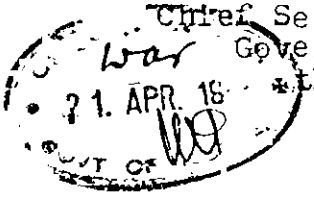

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By order, etc.,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

The Government of India (Civil Defence Department) circular No.523/43, dated the 19th February 1943, regarding "Treatment of Prisoners of War by Civil Defence Services."

No.7/43-A.R.P.(CD)
Government of India
Civil Defence Department
New Delhi, the 19th February 1943.

From

N.V.H. Symons Esq., C.I.E., M.C., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

C.D.D. Circular No.523/43.

SUBJECT;- Treatment of Prisoners of War by Civil Defence Services.

Sir,

I am directed to request that, owing to the possibility of enemy parachutists or enemy airmen in crashed air craft surrendering to Members of Civil Defence Services, instructions given as an Appendix to this Circular may be issued to all concerned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. N.V.H.Symons.

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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APPENDIX.

Prisoners of War are the responsibility of the Military Authorities. The Civic Guard and the Police, into whose hands they may from time to time come, have instructions to hand them over without delay to the nearest Military Unit.

2. Occasions may arise where an enemy will surrender to members of the Civil Defence Services. In all such circumstances he will be handed over as soon as possible to the nearest Military Unit or to the Civic Guard or taken to a Police Station, whichever is the more convenient.

3. Before this is done, however, and immediately on capture the following steps will be taken by his captors:-

(i) The prisoner will be searched and everything except the bare clothing he stands in will be removed.

(ii) The documents and personal effects taken from a prisoner will be put in a sack, satchel, or made into a bundle, marked with the prisoner's name and handed over with the prisoner together with his weapons and articles of military equipment to the nearest Military Unit.

4. Where a prisoner has to be held for any length of time by the Civil Defence Services, he will be treated fairly but firmly, given food and drink at the regular times, but no other refreshments whatsoever. There is no objection to a Prisoner of War being allowed an occasional cigarette.

He will be segregated from all other prisoners and allowed no converse with them nor with his guard.

5. The preliminary interrogation of a Prisoner of War by experts will usually take place when the prisoner arrives at the nearest Military Unit or Police Station. He will NOT be interrogated by the Civil Defence Services.

6. In the case of a crashed aircraft, steps should be taken

immediately

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 4053-63/43 Secretariat, Bangalore, 27th April 1943.

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The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

All Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police, I G P & C R

Sir,

Treatment of Prisoners of War by Civil Defence Services.

I am directed to forward herewith for your information a copy of the Government of India (Civil Defence Department) Circular No.523/43, dated the 9th February 1943, on the above subject, which is receiving the consideration of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
for Chief Secretary to Government.

G.I.D.C.D. Circular No.523/43, dated the 9th February 1943.

Subject:- Treatment of Prisoners of War by Civil Defence Services.

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6. In the case of a crashed aircraft, steps should be taken immediately to prevent survivors from destroying the machine or any of its contents. Documents or maps subsequently found in the vicinity should be handed to the nearest Military Unit or to the Police for transmission to the Intelligence Officer at the nearest H. Q. Station.

7. Police and others who may have to hold prisoners of war in custody should be warned that Japs have many well attested ways to commit suicide. For this reason the greatest care should be taken to prevent them from grabbing rifles, revolvers, knives etc. It is normally preferable to arm a guard over Japanese prisoners of war with truncheons rather than with fire arms.

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